



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 18, 2008

To: Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer

From: Alec Steele
Director, Reimbursement Services
Division of Financial Management

Subject: UPL Hospital Payments for 1st and 2nd Quarters of State Fiscal Year 2009

BY FACSIMILE AND MAIL

The Department has received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to proceed with issuing interim UPL payments to hospitals for the 1st and 2nd quarters of State Fiscal Year 2009. UPL payment and intergovernmental transfer amount are provided on the Department's web site at www.dch.georgia.gov by selecting options for "Providers," "Hospital," and "Supplemental Reimbursement." UPL calculations were based on interim UPL payments made for the 3rd and 4th quarters of State Fiscal Year 2007. Please note these payments represent interim amounts that will be subject to retrospective settlement at a later date, when paid claim data and cost reports are available for Fiscal Year 2009.

As indicated in the web site information, UPL payments to Critical Access Hospitals are scheduled to be made on December 12, 2008. For hospitals other than Critical Access Hospitals, the UPL payment will be dependent on the receipt of an intergovernmental transfer from the governmental entity affiliated with your hospital. Please note that, except for Critical Access Hospitals, the intergovernmental transfer must be received by 2 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2008, for payment to be issued on December 12, 2008.

In order to assure that the timely receipt of intergovernmental transfers can be confirmed, a Notice of Intent to Transfer must be submitted by Monday, November 24, 2008, to document the expected method of transfer. If an intergovernmental transfer is not received by the specified deadline, the associated UPL payment will be delayed until another date later next year.

With regard to the payment to be made on December 12, 2008, it will be issued by EFT to the bank account previously used for UPL disbursements to your facility. Typically, there is a 1 or 2-day delay between when EFT transactions are initiated and when the funds are deposited into a provider's bank account. Allowing for such a delay, the UPL payment should be posted to your facility's bank account on or before December 17, 2008. If there has been any change to your hospital's banking information, please provide the corrected information by November 24, 2008, to:

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If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Annetta Smith at (404) 657-9272.
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